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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES P. O. Box 339 Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

February 9, 2012

TO:

The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair

House Committee on Human Services

FROM:

Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT:

H.B. 1901 – RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX

Hearing:

Thursday, February 9, 2012; 8:30 a.m.

Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B.1901 is to require that an unspecified amount of general excise tax remittances be deposited into the general fund and used to fund Medicaid programs.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of the bill to support the Medicaid program. We defer to the Departments of Budget and Finance and Taxation as to the feasibility of this proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.



Testimony for HUS 2/9/2012 8:30:00 AM HB1901

Conference room: 329

Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Ronnie Perry Organization: Individual E-mail: babyjean@hotmail.com

Submitted on: 2/8/2012

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.